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For years we have watched this ludicrous attack on Microsoft -- and we heard the complainants demand justice from the courts and the government.

Now, the government has worked out a reasonable settlement with Microsoft, and some of the complainants once again reveal their intent -- not to resolve anything, but to turn this into a permanent battle, wasting taxpayer's and Microsoft's time and money. The courts are not the place for competitors of Microsoft to make their case -- they need to make it to the consumer and the market. Please don't encourage them to continue this unproductive legal battle.

As a consumer, I consider the settlement fair and, more important, necessary to all parties involved. I urge the District Court to approve it.

For what it's worth, I never saw any benefit to the consumer (including businesses that use Microsoft products) behind this attack. Competition in our free market is complex. Few survive. And that's as it should be. The states and companies that have agreed to the settlement are to be commended. The rest should go back to the drawing board and develop better products.

Let's get this over with, finally. Perhaps those hold-outs ought to be charged the "consumer" costs of this protracted litigation -- as a consumer I believe Microsoft has been hampered from innovating while it has dealt with this battle.

Respectfully,

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